

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on July 6, 2010 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. On roll call were Alderpersons Baumgartner, Jensen, Manthey, Newberg, Scott, Suhr, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Hanson and Street Superintendent Mead. Attorney Pollex was excused.

Motion by Jensen, second by Newberg to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Report of Standing Committees:

Personnel Committee: (The Committee met June 21, 2010)

There were no Petitions and Communications.

Administrator Ellisor stated that as indicated before, there was authorization on hiring part-time help that is already in place. We looked at what applicants we had, and the question of the need for it. He stated the Mayor has since talked to Dave and he isn't as adamant about bringing anyone on at this time. He would still like the committee to either aye or nay the possible candidates that are in there, in the event we need to bring someone on. Manthey stated that the Committee should be able to look at all applications for consideration. Ellisor stated that it is not uncommon for applications to be narrowed down, and then submitted. He feels there should not be any objection to that. He stated the applications were looked at by the Mayor, Dave and himself. That is where the narrowing down or the selection came from. As he was not familiar with anyone, he didn't have a whole lot to offer on help. He stated the Mayor and Dave had more familiarity. Jensen questioned that this is only part-time position and the City has no intention of hiring full-time. He stated that during interviews the applicants would be told that this is only part-time and it would be a clear understanding that full-time would not be the case. Manthey and Jensen stated that as per the Mayor's recommendation they will leave the committees recommendation "status quo". Manthey asked if applications can be left with Dave or Janet for the committee members to stop in and look at or to have copies of the applications made of their recommendations. Administrator Ellisor stated that they can and applications are in the office and they can be given a list of all that were taken out and returned.

Finance Committee: (The Committee met June 29, 2010)

In Petitions and Communications a discussion was held regarding fireworks, Flyte's Family Farms sellers permit and about the aluminum signs being less costly.

A discussion was held comparing Clark Disposal to Adams County proposal. Pick up is to be at 7:00 a.m. or later and to remain the same as it is currently. Verifying ownership of the recycling bins and have answers available for the next Council Meeting for changes in the contract.

2010 Budget is keeping in order with the numbers.

On Well #5 the expenditures are \$482,000 and reimbursement is \$341,940. \$140,000 is still due to us.

Recommendations were made to pay the bills.

Public Works Committee: (Committee met June 29, 2010)

Discussion was held regarding the Solid Waste Proposals.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Williams: Reported on the important points that were brought up by Alderperson Jensen concerning the Solid Waste Proposals. He stated they were not included in our previous discussion (*previous Council meeting*) and hopes that those will be clarified this evening. He

stated that the officers stayed busy on the Fourth of July. The Well House will be online or should be next week. We will have to complete all the tests for it, which means when we make the connection, we will have to chlorinate. Chlorination shouldn't take more than a month, theoretically, by the first meeting of August we should be online without chlorination. We are going with aluminum signs for Burt Morris Park similar to what we had, as the other signs were rather high and unacceptable. The cost of the signs is \$150 per face. He believes that should be acceptable however, has not seen the drawing on it. We are still looking at replacing the entrance sign at the corner.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported the Well will be online and the project wrapped up the end of summer and we should be closing the Grant/Loan out. As a reminder, it will be September before we hear anything regarding that Grant.

Chief Hanson: Reported the person that left garbage at Burt Morris Park was located and agreed to pay the \$50.00 clean up fee. The smoking ban is in effect, any complaints will be handled according to the Wisconsin Tobacco Coalition guidelines. He will be meeting with several groups on July 14 at 9:00 a.m. possibly starting a teen court. This is a restorative justice system dealing with minor infractions committed by juveniles. The meeting will be held at the County Courthouse before the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee. Attorney Pollex has several abatement cases due in his office. By July 14, he will forward all compliance and non-compliance properties to his office. The Adams County Web page now links the City of Adams web page under municipalities.

Street Superintendent: Reported they are working on private and public property mowing, brush pickup, crosswalk painting, and alley grading. There was graffiti on the sidewalk this morning. The Chief will have Officers watch the area. They are going to work on trimming and brush in alleys. Mayor Williams stated they also planted trees inside the fence by the detention pond and he suggested getting out more cigarette receptacles at Burt Morris Park.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Suhr, second by Baumgartner to remove from table the Solid Waste Contract.

All voted aye. Mayor Williams stated that at Public Works, there are a lot of new things here, the representative is here from Clark and feels that Council should digest all the new information that was just received this evening. He stated Wilbur brought up pertinent points that were delayed. Administrator Ellisor reported there was a question that arose on the status of the bins used for the recycling collection. With that question being raised, he had an opportunity to go back to the file because his memory served him differently, then what the thought of that was.

Administrator Ellisor stated the information in front of Council is very current and not all entirely scientific or spot on. There is some subjectivity to it by the nature of it and will go over all so that Council will have something to consider between now and the next meeting. He believes it would be premature to make any conclusions offhand tonight.

He directed Council to copies distributed, the first being a 2003 proposal from the Adams County Landfill. The Proposal shows 680 recycling bins at \$4.59 each for a total of \$3,121.20. He stated, that by it self does not prove hard in fact, but the attached minutes shows the bid award that was accepted was exactly for that bottom line total price of \$168,712.56, \$56,237.52 per year. This includes of course, the amount provided for the bid. So he thinks that does unequivocally confirm that the City did initially pay for the bins. Subsequent bins he is not sure how that was handled because that was periodic and not always on consistent intervals.

The next issue that was addressed was the question of the dumpsters that are used for City purposes. The bid proposals that the City submitted was purely for the weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection. Those proposals did not request proposals for the dumpsters and the proposals received, his understanding did not include or provide for dumpsters as well.

Administrator Ellisor stated the question came up about how the City waste disposal will be handled. He stated in the previous contract with Adams County Solid Waste, we had a number of recycling bins and large dumpsters that were included in the contract price.

He referred to the copy of services that the City currently has, provided by Adams County Solid Waste. He stated at Public Works there are two 4 yard dumpsters and a recycling trailer, the Municipal Building has a 2 yard dumpster and a 2 yard recycling container and the Waste Water Treatment Plant has a 2 yard dumpster. If you look at that, it is pretty self explanatory as to where the cost from the County is coming in at for these services. It is his understanding and he needs to clarify and confirm this, but it is his understanding that the cost for the services for these dumpsters and recycling containers were included in the Adams County collection proposal. So the \$44,957 is including these particular services. He stated, there was no indication of that anywhere on the bid proposal and the request for proposals did not ask for that to be included. But after the fact, that is what his understanding has come to after some discussion.

He reviewed the Current Annual Garbage/Recycling Collection Cost handout. It shows the three year garbage and recycling proposals that were just received and added into that, was the new information regarding the dumpsters.

He also distributed other cost scenarios regarding the dumpsters. He stated, presuming that the low bid for curbside collection was awarded to Clark Disposal to maintain status-quo with the current dumpsters through the County, which would equate to \$10,265 annually. So that would be in addition to curbside collection. The dumpster cost though Adams County Solid Waste includes tippage, so that \$10,265 includes the tippage amount.

Also some estimates were put together for examples. If Clark Disposal were to do the collection and taken to the Landfill by County ordinance, and if Clark Disposal were to provide the dumpsters and do the collection, there would be that cost for the handling of the dumpsters from Clark Disposal, but there would also be separately the tippage fees for the refuse. The Adams County proposal has that combined but Clark Disposal, at no fault of their own, which happened to be handled differently. He tried to estimate what tippage might be if handled in that way, based on the worst case scenario. If dumpsters were full to capacity, this will require a lot more analysis because these numbers that he tried to work up an average for the tippage on these dumpsters. When he does that, having Clark Disposal Services handle the dumpsters, he comes up with \$11,200 annually and that could be off by a large margin. If you look at the tipping estimate there is a quite a bit that rolls into that, and a lot of tonnage.

He also worked up some other scenarios for the Council and Committees to look at. The scenarios reduce the type of service and collection that we have with the dumpsters. It comes to question as to what the need may be. Manthey stated that she believes the reason the recycling trailer is costly is that they were specially made. She stated that she worked at the landfill today and knows for a fact that the driver had to come back twice to Public Works to get everything. She questions changing to a 4 yard dumpster as we provide that as a service to the City residents. Mayor Williams stated that she is right in providing the services for our citizens, however, it has been a costly enforcement. We had to install a fence two years ago because of the usage of that equipment from outside sources, not from the City. We had an employee sit out there a month or month and a half ago just watching and turning people away that are not from the City. A distinct question can be raised as to if we really need that from a City stand point. He wondered if the units here at City Hall are also being used by other people. Manthey stated that the Landfill does provide locks for those. If you take away the recycler here and at Public Works, where would the workers take the recycles and the garbage, and getting the tippage for nothing is huge as the tippage cost is up to \$60/ton. Mayor Williams stated the difference results in \$10,265 reduction or bringing Adams County bid down to \$34,692 based on Bob's figure actually, based on the quote from Adams County if everything stayed the same. Newberg stated that getting rid of the

recycle containers is not a good idea, because then it would end up in the garbage at that point and then is the county going to take it. Jensen stated where would you rather have the garbage, in the dumpster or on a street corner, or parking lot, or whatever. Newberg stated at certain times of the year, her business gets busy and they take the soap bottles to the public works recycle dumpster to get rid of them.

Administrator Ellisor stated that Council should review the information and understand he needs to revisit it himself, because there is quite a bit of speculation in it on the tippage cost associated with it. He and Nicole from Clark Disposal Services will talk on that part of it. The thing to bear in mind is, his responsibility is to try to provide the best option available as far as cost and service to avoid the taxes being affected by it. In addition to the increase that we would be looking at on the collection with the Landfill, the tippage fees went up at the end of this contract. Mayor Williams stated \$13 per ton goes to the DNR. Administrator Ellisor stated he believes that increased from \$9 from the previous six year agreement, tippage was \$37 per ton and now \$47 per ton, the total tippage will be \$60 per ton.

Nicole Clark of Clark Disposal stated that the estimate for weight of 500 tons, would that include dumpster weight? And she questioned, they (Solid Waste) never charged the City for any weight in the dumpsters? Administrator Ellisor stated that was inclusive, that dumpster weight was not included in the 500 ton estimate and it had not been levied against the City as well. His understanding is no, we were not charged for dumpsters fees.

Ms. Clark also asked if the City is currently getting charged for recycling. Administrator Ellisor stated no. Ms Clark asked if she was to start picking up would the City start getting charged for recycling? Administrator Ellisor stated that he does not believe so, he hadn't heard of any suggestion of that type. She stated that she would charge an equivalent of \$3600 a year for the service, and then it is all in the weight. She stated that the weight is quiet high. Administrator Ellisor stated that he uses the worst case scenario, and that is how he handles most everything, budgeting and all, because it's better to have the outcome more favorable at the end of the year then the other way around. Ms. Clark stated, if you go to the basic and take her one year estimate, and add the \$3,600 for services we have, then the City is looking at about \$34,000 plus the weight (tippage) that the City is not getting charged for right now.

Ms. Clark asked if the Landfills price of \$44,957 included all the dumpsters but not the weight? Administrator Ellisor stated that the \$10,265 is all inclusive; it includes handling of the dumpsters and also the tippage. He stated that was never made clear and never pointed out in any proposal received. Ms. Clark stated that in place of the \$6,500 recycling trailer, she would replace it with a dumpster for the \$3600. Jensen asked how she planned to operate, are you coming in with two trucks? Ms. Clark stated on recycling week, she believes they can pickup on garbage day with one truck and a hopper. She also stated that she spoke with someone at the landfill that told her that they have two trucks with a hopper on each and they usually are done around noon or 1:00 p.m. If need be, they would put another truck on. Mayor Williams asked if there were any other questions for Ms. Clark as we have had her here three times. He believes this is the last time we should have her over.

Motion by Newberg, second by Baumgartner to Table the Solid Waste Contract to the next meeting. All voted aye.

Motion by Manthey, second by Newberg to Adopt Ordinance 02-2010 Relating to Snow and Ice Removal. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to Adopt Ordinance 08-2010 Relating to Authorization for Expenditures. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Jensen, second by Suhr to approve the Street Use Permit (for the closing of Goggin Street from Main Street to Grant Street from 11:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M. on September 25, 2010.) **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Manthey, second by Newberg to approve issuance of Operators Licenses to Deborah A. Corn, Christy M. Kotlowski, Arletta J. Lumby, and Sarah D. Mock. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Newberg, second by Suhr to pay the bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Jensen, second by Scott to adjourn. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet L. Winters
Clerk/Treasurer